

# **BIOGRAPHY**

### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



## COLONEL MARK R. FLEMMING, AIA PMP

Colonel Mark Flemming is the Deputy Commander, 235th Civil Engineer Flight, Maryland Air National Guard. In this role he maintains liaison with US Joint Chiefs of Staff (J4-ED), US European Command (J4-EN), US Air Forces Europe (USAFE/A7C), Headquarters Air Force (HAF/A4X) and National Guard Bureau (NGB/J4).

Colonel Flemming was born in Groton, Massachusetts and received his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps after graduating from the Tulane University School of Architecture in May 1988. He received his Master of Architecture from Tulane University in July 2004. Colonel Flemming attended senior service school at the US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, where he completed a Master of Arts in National Security Strategic Studies and Joint Staff Officer Qualification in June 2009.

With the 235<sup>th</sup> CEF, Colonel Flemming was deployed to US European Command in late 2001 and onward to Albania, Romania, and Senegal. Other extended deployments include Al Salem AB, Kuwait, 2001- 2002; Tallil AB, Nasiriyah, Iraq, 2004-2005; and US Forces-Iraq, Camp Victory, Baghdad Iraq, 2009-2010. He has directed support for humanitarian activities in Bosnia, and multi-year engineering exercises in Israel, Romania, Gabon, Ghana, Georgia, Senegal, and Uganda. Col Flemming ensures 235<sup>th</sup> CEF members maintain a high state of readiness to perform wartime engineering missions such as recent unit deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In civilian life, Mark Flemming is currently the Acting Director of Design and Engineering for the Overseas Buildings Operations, at US Department of State. He was the project architect for embassy projects in Algiers, Baghdad (interim), Beirut, Beijing, Bogota, Caracas, Tel Aviv and for the consulates in Guangzhou, Jerusalem, and Mosul. He has served as a political-military officer at the Office of the US Special Envoy to Sudan at the US Department of State as the primary liaison to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and US Africa Command for South Sudan. He is a member of the US State Department Civilian Response Corps. Mark has been recognized personally by Secretary of State Kerry and received several honors including four Department of State Meritorious Honor Awards.

As a registered professional architect with licenses in Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, and New Mexico, Mark has designed office and commercial developments, recreational facilities, and residences. Mark is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Society of American Military Engineers, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Army-Navy Club. He is co-owner of Perigeaux Vineyards & Winery, which produces 1000-2000 cases of estate vinifera wines annually. He is married to Mr. John Behun and resides in St Leonard, MD.

#### **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS:**

- 1988 Bachelor of Architecture degree, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College
- 2004 Master of Architecture degree, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2009 Master of Arts, National Security Strategic Studies, US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**:

Jan 1989 – Dec 1992, Design Engineer, 27th Civil Engineering Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM Jan 1992 – Apr 1992, Assistant Public Works Officer, (US Navy) NAVCENT ASU-Bahrain Dec 1992 – Apr 1994, Chief of Construction, 633<sup>rd</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron, Andersen AB, Guam Apr 1994 – Aug 1995, Deputy Chief, Engineering Division, 78<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, Robins AFB, GA

Mar 1996 – Apr 2009, Civil Engineer Staff Officer, 235th Civil Engineer Flight, ANG, Baltimore, MD Dec 2001 – Mar 2002, Civil Engineer, deployed to Operation Southern Watch, Ali Al Salem, Kuwait

Jul 2004 – Jan 2005, Civil Engineer, deployed to Operation Iragi Freedom, Tallil AB, Irag

Apr 2010 – Jan 2011, Civil Engineer, deployed to Operation New Dawn, US Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq

Apr 2009 - present, Deputy Commander, 235th Civil Engineer Flight, ANG, Baltimore, MD

#### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster **Army Commendation Medal** Joint Service Achievement Medal Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 4 oak leaf clusters National Defense Service Medal with 1 device Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Ribbon Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 device Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short with 2 oak leaf clusters Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and 1 device Air Force Longevity Service with 5 devices Armed Forces Reserve Service Medal with 2 M devices Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon w 1 device

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Air Force Training Ribbon

Second Lieutenant
First Lieutenant
Captain
Major
Lieutenant Colonel
Colonel

14 Sep 1988
14 Sep 1990
15 Aug 2010